It is great to be back at school and ready for a fantastic 2015. We have a few staff changes this year. Kylie Taylor is on Maternity Leave for the year. Jodie Toole has taken the year off to be closer to home. Nicole Kilby and Tennille Starr return from Maternity Leave and will be working part time.

We have around 210 students with 9 classes. The classes are set up so that numbers are even from Kindergarten right through to Year 6. Class teachers are as follows:

- Mr Kilby - Kindergarten
- Miss McIntyre - Year 1/2
- Mrs Watt and Miss Starr - job sharing a Year 1/2 class
- Mrs Forde and Mrs Kilby - job sharing on a Year 1/2 class
- Mrs Johnson and Miss Hunter - both have a Year 3/4 class
- Mrs McMahon - Year 4/5
- Mrs Joyce and Mr Cartwright - both have a Year 5/6 class
- Mrs Radnedge will be doing RFF
- Miss Forfar will be in the Library and supporting with STLA
- Mrs Day will be doing Reading Recovery and supporting with STLA

We have had a great start to the year and the classes are really settled. We have been able to keep most of our class sizes to around the early twenty's which is great for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns about classes, please come and see me. A lot of factors are considered when setting up our classes. Each teacher will send home a note explaining routines and things they will be teaching for the term. Please make sure you read the note and talk to your child's teacher if you have any concerns. During the summer months, please make sure children come with their school hat, sunscreen and a drink bottle each day. A term timetable, with important dates noted, will go in this week’s newsletter, so please make sure you keep it in a handy place and refer to it.

Concerns or Problems
If you have any concerns or problems during the year please come and see me or give me a call. We want the best for every child and sometimes we can make things a lot easier just by having a chat and sorting the problem out, or explaining why we have made a certain decision.

School Twilight Swimming Carnival
We will be having a Twilight Swimming Carnival again this year. This will take place next week, on Thursday 5th February, at the Grenfell town pool starting at 4.20pm. The carnival will be for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Teachers will mark the roll on Thursday evening at the carnival instead of Friday at school, due to an extended day on Thursday. It would be very much appreciated if parents could indicate to their child's teacher if their children will be coming to school on Friday.

Teachers give up their time on Thursday evening for the carnival and use the Friday as a planning day if we don’t have a lot of students. The carnival will start with the Medley at 4.00pm and then the rolls will be marked at 4.20pm. We will start with 50 metre races followed by the 10m, 20m and 30 metre races. This will be then followed by all the other 50 metre events. There will be no finals as all events will be decided on times. We will also have novelty events during the evening for non-swimmers and infants children. We want this to be a family affair so come along and enjoy an evening at the pool. The canteen will be available for snacks and dinner and there will also be a BBQ in operation. If you are able to help out on the night please let Mrs Johnson or Miss Hunter know. Last year was a great night so let's make it even better this year. A note will go home with all students this Friday, so they can choose what events they go in. Students must return their note so they can be put into events. We are using ‘Meet Manager’ to organize events and this requires all entries to be processed prior to the carnival.

House Captains for 2015
Students will be voting for their House Captains for 2015 this Friday.
At our House meetings we will discuss our Twilight Swimming Carnival next Thursday.
Parent Information Evening

We will not be holding a Parent Information Evening as in previous years. This year we will be having a Parent Information Night on Tuesday 24th February where parents can book a time to sit down, one on one with your child’s teacher to discuss the start of the school year, or any concerns. A booking sheet and information letter will go home with your child at the end of next week. If you have any questions please see me or your child’s teacher.

Munch and Crunch

The whole school, K-6, will continue with Munch and Crunch. This is where we will stop for about 5 minutes during our morning session for students to have a drink and to crunch on a piece of fruit. We ask that all parents send something in with their child each day so they can be involved in this.

Work Over the Holidays

There have been a few improvements around the school over the holidays. We have a new roof and windows on the Infants toilet block. We have new windows to be installed in all the 1/2 classrooms. This should be completed by the end of next week. Thanks to Mr Gorman and Mrs Taylor, our Cleaner, who have done a great job looking after things during the summer break.

School Counsellor

Wayne Symons, our School Counsellor, will be here each Thursday this term. If you want to see him you can make an appointment through me. Wayne is very approachable and only too happy to help out with any problem, big or small. Wayne is also the School Counselor at The Henry Lawson High School.

Going Home Changes

We ask all parents to write notes or ring the school if their child is changing their routine to travel home. If we don’t have a note, or get a phone call, we will send your child home their normal way.

Stage Assemblies

This week will there will be Stage Assemblies on Friday. A roster for the Whole School Assemblies is in this newsletter. The first Whole School Assembly is Friday 20th February.

Buses

Can you please make sure your child knows how they are getting home of an afternoon. If they are not catching the bus we need a note or a phone call from you by 2.45pm or a note otherwise your child will be catching the bus home. It is especially important for K-2 students as they can often get upset when they are not sure what they are doing.

P & C

Our first P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th February starting at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is our last meeting before our AGM on Tuesday 10th March.

Parent Helpers/ Volunteers

If you are interested in helping out in your child’s classroom or when we have school events, we would love to have you here. Please see your child’s teacher or let me know.

Contact Phone Numbers

If you have changed your home phone, mobile or your emergency contact numbers can you please let the office know. It makes it very frustrating if we cannot contact you in case of an emergency and I am sure you would like to know if something happens to your child.
School Award System

Students receive awards at school and they work the following way:

Students receive School Awards in class and when they get 5 School Awards they can cash them in at a Stage Assembly for a Stage Award. For infants (Stage 1) the 5 School Awards get given to Miss McIntyre who has a special box in her room that students can put them into. For Primary (Stage 2 and 3) students can put their 5 School Awards in a box that is in the staffroom foyer and Mrs Joyce sorts them out.

When students have 4 Stage Awards they give them to Mr Hooper and the students will receive a Principals Award at the next Whole School Assembly.

When students get 2 Principals Awards they also give them to Mr Hooper to receive a Grenfell Blue. Students who receive a Grenfell Blue get invited to a special morning tea or lunch at the end of each semester.

One student from each class also gets a Quality Work Award at a Stage Assembly each fortnight. Their name is displayed on our notice board near the canteen and they get invited to a special morning tea or lunch at the end of each semester.

Each month we hand out an Aussie of the Month for each stage. Students receive a special certificate and get invited to a special morning tea or lunch at the end of each semester.

PSSA Sporting Teams

At present we have a number of teams being organised to compete against other schools in the PSSA knockout competitions during Term 1. All students in Stage 2 and 3 can try out for these teams. Mrs Watt is organising Girl's Cricket and I am organising the Boy's Cricket. Mrs Taylor is organising the Tennis team and Mrs Johnson is organising the Girl's Netball team. Please see these teachers if you have any questions or require more information.

Rugby Gala Day

Our school will be involved in a Gala Rugby day on Tuesday 3rd March. Mrs Radnedge will be organising this and will send home more information when it arrives.

Young Leaders Day

The School Captains and I will be attending the Young Leaders Day in Sydney on Monday 23rd March.

Andrew Hooper - Principal

KINDERGARTEN REQUIREMENTS FOR 2015

Kindergarten children should have each day:
- Crunch and Sip – a piece of fruit or vegetable
- A small playlunch - eg: a piece of fruit or piece of cake
- Lunch (Lunch and morning tea should be packed in a lunch box and labelled with the child’s name)
- A plastic drink bottle filled with water
- A library bag
- A box of tissues
- A long sleeved painting smock, an old shirt of Dad’s will do.
- 2 glue sticks
- A4 plastic document envelope (for home readers)
- 2 whiteboard markers

PLEASE MARK CLEARLY ALL ITEMS BELONGING TO YOUR CHILD.

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome back to School Banking for 2015. Students can start depositing money from next Tuesday, 3rd February. There are some great new reward items this year and I will give more details about these in next week’s newsletter.

Karen Leez School of Dance

Enrolments Thur Jan 29th (4pm-6pm) & Sat 31st Jan (10am-1pm).
Classes in Classical Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz/Hip Hop & Tap. CSTD Examinations in Classical Ballet, Modern Jazz & Tap. Eisteddfods.
Mob: 0413 071 753, E: karenleezschooldance@hotmail.com, Web: karenleezschooldan.wix.com/klsod.

Holiday Kids Club

The 2015 Holiday Kids Club, run by the Presbyterian Church, will have a change of date this year. Instead of being in the Easter holidays it will be held from the 21st to 25th September. Please put this date in your diaries.
Junior 7-a-side starts again next week - 4th Feb
Just reminding everyone that the Junior 7-a-side comp starts again next week, 4th Feb, for 4 weeks. Last game will be on Wed 25 Feb with a Sausage Sizzle. I do not have everyone’s email address so please encourage players to give this message to their friends.

Swimming Club News - Week Commencing 26th January, 2015

This week’s long event will be the 200m freestyle. Please nominate for this before 5pm on Friday. The 100m freestyle will also be run.

It is time to return perpetual trophies for the 2015 presentation night.

**Dates for your diary**

Saturday and Sunday 7th and 8th February – Parkes Swimming Carnival.


Friday 27th February – Second championship night

Friday 13th March – Presentation night. Venue to be confirmed.

**Timekeeper/raffle roster 30th January**: Hewen(Lyn), Best(Loy), Brown (swapped with Hughes M&M), Cartwright, Taylor(M&R), Bucknell, Brenner

**ABOUT THE HEALTHY KIDS BUS STOP**

The Healthy Kids Bus Stop is a whole-of-child health screening, assessment and integrated pathway to care program for children aged 3-8 years old.

The program aims to improve the health and well-being of children living in rural and remote communities through early detection of lifestyle risk factors, delayed development and/or stress.

It is a fun and interactive program where children progress through ‘bus stops’, hopping on and off at each stop in order to complete their health assessment. Children are given a bus pass and receive a stamp in the bus pass at each stop along the way.

**The Bus Stops Include:**

a. Child Health and Development - undertaken by a Child and Family Health Nurse, this assessment aims to gather health information, identify health problems and promote healthy lifestyles. The health check includes a hearing, vision and physical check; an assessment of oral health and immunisation status; and questions about the child’s development and emotional wellbeing.

b. Oral Health - this assessment is undertaken by a Dental Therapist and aims to identify any oral health problems, promote the importance of regular brushing and healthy food choices.

c. Hearing - undertaken by an Audiometrist, this check assesses any hearing loss that may be impacting on the child’s social, emotional and cognitive development.

**Where will the Program be held?**

Grenfell Public School Hall, Main Street, Grenfell

**How much will it cost?**

The Healthy Kids Bus Stop is FREE

**How do I register my child?**

Bookings are essential - please call Royal Far West on 1300 900 361 or 8664 6600 to register. A time slot will be selected that suits you and your child. Please note that the duration of your appointment will be dependent on the health needs of your child. Appointments can take between 1½ to 2½ hours to complete.

**What do I need to bring?**

a. Your child’s blue book
b. Your child’s ID

**Register your interest to Sue Clarke at sclarke@rft.org.au**

You need to have your creation completed by Friday May 15, 2015. We will send out a reminder early next year and let you know more about joining 6-Regional Waste to Art.